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Dixon, IL – The Illinois Department of Transportation announces today that weather permitting, construction work on the Avenue G bridges between Rock Falls and Sterling will begin on Tuesday, May 31, 2016. Eagle Painting will be working on the \$279,382 contract to paint the two bridges that were repaired last summer. The bridges will need to be closed to traffic during construction.

The two bridges over the Rock River will be closed one at a time. Work will start on the north bridge. During the approximate one month closure of this structure over the north channel, the south bridge will remain open. This will provide access to the park and businesses on the island from the Rock Falls side of the river.

When the north bridge is finished, it will be opened and the south bridge closed. During the second half of the project, there will be access to the island and park from Sterling. The contract is scheduled to be completed by August 1st. Work will also be scheduled so that both bridges will be open for the July 4th holiday weekend.

Pedestrians will always have access to the park from Rock Falls and Sterling. Even when the structures are closed to vehicular traffic, one of the sidewalks will be open for pedestrians to cross the bridges.

Please slow down and use extreme caution while driving through all work zones.

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